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Dear Members of the Water Policy Interim Committee:

The Montana legislature directed that Montana's State Water Plan be updated in 2014, along with the development of four regional basin water plans, including the Clark Fork and Kootenai River Basins Water Plan. The State Water Plan and the Clark Fork and Kootenai River Basins Water Plan recommended the use of basin advisory councils for implementation of the state water plan and management of the state's water resources. With support from the Montana Watershed Coordination Council, Clark Fork and Kootenai basins stakeholders met three times over the course of 18 months and created the Clark Fork and Kootenai River Basins Council (the Council) by adopting the attached charter, and electing an Executive Committee.

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Participants (see attached list) represented a diverse group of over fifty stakeholders including conservation districts, irrigation districts, water quality districts, watershed groups, water-related governmental agencies, landowners, the Clark Fork Task Force, the Upper Clark Fork River Basin Steering Committee, and others. Twelve Executive Committee members (see list) are from across the basins and have a range of perspectives and interests.

The Council established outreach, data synthesis, and natural systems health/water availability working groups to address basin plan priority issues:

- Maintaining water availability;
- Ensuring natural systems health;
- Water rights administration, protection, and enforcement; and,
- Meeting future water demand.

The Council and Executive Committee are interested in working with WPIC to further define the role of basin councils in advancing the State Water Plan. The Clark Fork and Kootenai River Basins Council would like to serve as a resource to WPIC on water issues, especially those that are best addressed at the basin level. An Executive Committee member will be available to attend WPIC meetings in Helena or in our basin.

Thank you in advance for your willingness to collaborate with the Clark Fork and Kootenai River Basins Council.

Signed,

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**CLARK FORK and KOOTENAI RIVER] BASINS COUNCIL  
CHARTER  
Adopted April 19, 2017**

**PURPOSE:** The Purpose of the Clark Fork and Kootenai River Basins Council is to develop vision, coordinate common strategy, and support the network of water user interests at the basin scale. The Clark Fork and Kootenai River Basins Council will identify and address common basin-wide concerns, challenges, and solutions that are best addressed at the basin-level. The Council will focus on activities that provide added value to community based activities.

**FUNCTION:** Inform federal, state, local, and tribal government entities on basin wide water resource issues. Oversee, promote, and comply with the Montana State Water Plan and Clark Fork and Kootenai River Basins Water Plan 2014.

**GEOGRAPHIC SCOPE:** The scope of the Clark Fork and Kootenai River Basins Council is the Clark Fork and Kootenai River Basins.

**INTERESTED STAKEHOLDERS:** Participation may include, but is not limited to, interested representation from: businesses; non-profit organizations; conservation districts; irrigation districts; private land owners; state, federal, local, or tribal governments; water quality districts; and recreational interest groups, located within the Clark Fork and Kootenai basins. Interested Stakeholders will be determined by participation in Council activities, including the Annual Meeting.

**WORK GROUPS:** Work groups will be formed ad hoc based on specific areas of interest or activity within the basin and the identified opportunity for basin-wide coordination. Once a need, purpose, scope, and deliverable has been identified by the stakeholders at large, a work group may be created. Work groups may be recruited by the Executive Committee, which will also be responsible for seeking diverse membership.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** The Executive Committee will seek input from stakeholders and committee recommendations in reaching final decisions on all matters, including policy positions, work groups created, and activities carried out by the Council. Executive Committee members will serve as spokespersons for the Council.

The Executive Committee will meet a minimum of 4 times a year and be responsible for Council administration, including reporting, and oversight of coordination activities. The Executive Committee will consist of a minimum of 8 and maximum of 12 stakeholders that are elected by the stakeholders at large. Executive Committee members will serve in staggered 2-year terms. Committee composition will be representative of stakeholder groups.

Amended April 20, 2017: Inclusion of "Kootenai" and "River" in organization title.

Decision making will follow a consensus model outlined in the by laws.

**NOMINATION COMMITTEE.** Upon creation, the Council will elect a Nomination Committee that will manage nominations to the Executive Committee. The Nomination Committee will consist of at least one member of the Executive Committee and have a minimum of three stakeholder participants. Nomination Committee members will serve in two year staggered terms. An individual member may fill no more than three consecutive terms on the Committee.

**TECHNICAL ADVISORS:** Individuals or organizations with technical expertise may be invited to participate in working groups and provide information to the Council.

**REPORTING:** The Clark Fork and Kootenai River Basins Council will develop an annual report and work plan that summarizes previous year activities and identifies one or more areas of common interest and member activities for the future. Report and work plan will be distributed to member groups as well as private and public partners which may include but not be limited to the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Department of Environmental Quality, Fish Wildlife and Parks, and the Water Policy Interim Committee.

**ANNUAL MEETING:** One Annual Meeting will be held wherein Interested Stakeholders & Technical Advisors may convene for committee reports and discussion regarding the annual work plan.

**CREATION:** The Council will be created upon participant endorsement from interested stakeholders.

**AMENDMENTS:** The Council Charter may be amended by full consensus of the Executive Committee after consultation with interested stakeholders at an Annual Meeting.